## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

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For: LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT, LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY DEVICE,

AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please enter the following specification changes as noted below:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 7, 11, 16-17, 26-27, 30-31, 34, 36, 39, 48-49, 57, 66-67 and 73-78 as follows:

7. (Amended) The method for manufacturing a liquid crystal element according to claim 1, wherein the foreign matter elimination step includes an infrared light irradiation sub-step